

# NO ATTEMPT TO END WAGE CONTROVERSY UNTIL STRIKE IS OFF

Attorney General Palmer Says Miners Telegram Is Based On Misconception of Facts—Government Has Not Taken Sides

Washington, Nov. 3.—Attorney General Palmer today informed coal miners who protested against the strike injunction that the government stood ready "to do everything in its power to facilitate an inquiry into the merits of the controversy, but in the meantime the law must be enforced and combinations to stop production cannot be tolerated."

Mr. Palmer's statement, made in reply to a telegram from the union local at Glencoe, Ohio, to President Wilson, was taken to indicate that the government would make no attempt to settle the wage controversy until the strike was called off. The miner's telegram said:

"We, the members of local union 3,678, United Mine Workers of America, feel justified in resenting your action taken against us in our just demand for a living wage and that we are solidly behind our international officials in their action taken."

Replying for the President, Attorney General Palmer said:

"Your telegram to the President protesting against the action of the government on the ground that it is taken against your just demands for living wage is based on a misconception of the facts. The government has not taken sides either for or against the mine owners or the mine workers or their demands in the wage controversy. The law provides that no two persons to the proclamation of peace shall agree or arrange with each other to restrict the output or supply of coal. The government is insisting that this law should be obeyed by both the mine owners and the mine workers. The wage controversy can be settled without consent of action to stop the output of the mines, and the government stands ready now, as it has steadily in the past, to do everything in its power to facilitate an inquiry into the merits of the controversy, but in the meantime the law must be enforced and combinations to stop production cannot be tolerated."

Chicago, Nov. 3.—Developments today in the strike of more than 425,000 soft coal miners throughout the country were expected to clarify the situation to the extent of determining whether production was to be stopped definitely in a large part of the bituminous zone or whether any considerable number of workers were willing to return to work.

No plans have been made for opening any of the mines with imported coal, and old men who return to work are to be treated as if they had never laid down their tools according to Thomas T. Brown, chairman of the Coal Operators' Scale Committee. No miner will be discriminated against, he said.

Reports from most of the large mining centers indicated that while a large number of the miners would be in shape for the miners to resume work, the operators did not expect many union men to re-enter the workings today.

While operators admitted that the figures given out by union leaders as to the number of men on strike, were approximately correct, they pointed out that close to 150,000 non-union men were at work in the Pennsylvania and West Virginia fields, and that nearly 20,000 union miners were working in Kentucky under contracts signed recently.

Federal troops today were in the mining regions of West Virginia, Tennessee, Wyoming and New Mexico, under orders to preserve the peace in case disorders arise in connection with the strike. One company of the 24 Infantry also was on its way from San Diego, California, to Utah for duty in the coal fields of that state.

The national guard of Colorado and Oklahoma have already been sent to the coal districts of those states as special companies of state troops have mobilized at Birmingham, Alabama, in case their services are needed quickly to quell disturbances around the mines there.

Federal troops have been ordered to be held in readiness in every department of the army for service whenever state authorities ask for assistance in keeping down disorders.

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—The government's program for enforcing the restraining order against the coal miners' officials was expected to take definite shape with the arrival here today of Special Agent in Charge U. S. Attorney General Daniel W. Starnes, of Lafayette, Ind., who will have direct charge of the government's case. Attorneys for the miners also have been busy preparing for the hearing on the government's petition for a temporary injunction, which was set by Judge Anderson for next Saturday. It was reported today that William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, might be retained by the miners in addition to Henry Warram, a local attorney.

## RUSSIAN SOVIET CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 1,500 MEN

London, Nov. 3.—The Russian soviet communiqué of Sunday, received today by wireless from Moscow, claims the capture of 1,500 prisoners in the taking of Petropavlovsk, 105 miles west of Omsk, from the Kolchak forces.

The statement also reports fighting of the fiercest character in the Finnish gulf region and a continued advance by the Bolsheviks all along the line against the Russian Northwestern army of General Yudenich.

**LIPTON ARRIVES.**  
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 3.—Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the yacht Shamrock IV, challenger for the America Cup, arrived here today from Liverpool on the steamship Carnarvon. Sir Thomas is on his way to New York to inspect his yacht which has been in drydock since 1914.

**RECONSTRUCTED.**  
Mrs. Diff — How's your good husband getting along?  
Mrs. Diff — Fine! Gone to work again at good pay.

Mrs. Diff (astonished) — But I thought he had St. Vitus dance?  
Mrs. Diff — He has; but he learned to play a saxophone and then got a swell job with a jazz orchestra in a cabaret.—Exchange.

Anyway the whole country will gladly give financial assistance to the "Reds" by providing them with free steamship tickets to the most distant points on earth.

# Final Vote On Treaty This Week

To Present Proposition to Senate Today—Provision to Lay It Aside Planned.

WOULD DISPOSE OF AMENDMENTS TODAY

Washington, Nov. 3.—A final vote this week on ratification of the peace treaty is proposed in a unanimous consent agreement drawn up for presentation to the Senate today by the administration leaders.

Apparently contemplating the possibility of a deadlock over reservations, the agreement provides that after this week, the treaty, if not ratified, can be laid aside.

Under the plan put forward as a counter to Republican Leader Lodge's proposal for a final vote Nov. 12, all amendments would be disposed of today, the reservations of the Foreign Relations Committee would be passed on tomorrow and Wednesday and the committee's resolution of ratification voted on Thursday. Friday and Saturday would be reserved for consideration of alternate ratification resolutions that had been presented by the committee.

Debate on all subjects relating to the treaty would be limited under the plan to 15-minute speeches and the Senate would meet an hour earlier than usual each day.

# PEACE COUNCIL TO SEND NOTE TO RUMANIA

Ask That Country to Evacuate Budapest Without Delay

Paris, Nov. 3.—The supreme council today decided to send another note to Rumania reiterating the request made of her in the notes delivered on October 17 by the American, British and French governments but not delivered by any representative of the Italian government. It has developed that as the result of the failure of Italy to present the note at Bucharest the Rumanian government failed to reply, saying it did not understand that all the great powers concurred in the note.

The note asks Rumania to evacuate Budapest, states that she will not be given additional territorial concessions, and requests that she name a member of the inter-allied commission which will pass upon the amount of supplies taken from Hungary by the Rumanians.

Lack of co-operation among the allies in dealing with Rumania is reiterated by many of the delegates to the Peace Conference as responsible for Rumania's defiant attitude, and it has been made clear by several of the delegations that the great powers must all co-operate in this situation or go on record within a few days as being opposed to bringing Rumania to terms.

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The petitioner, who is the little girl's father, charges she is being unlawfully detained by Otto and Mary Thuesen, the child's grandparents. This is denied by the defendants. The court originally ordered the grandparents to produce the child in court on Sept. 15 last, but the matter has been adjourned several times since then.

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## RE-ESTABLISH NATIONAL GUARD

Hartford, Nov. 3.—An order has been issued from the office of the military emergency board for the re-establishment of the Connecticut National Guard, by order of Governor Holcomb. The order for organization is signed by Major General Lucien F. Burpee of the Connecticut State Guard. Under re-establishment Connecticut is expected to furnish only about 400 men.

## AVONDALE LOCATED.

Halifax, Nov. 3.—The tank steamship Avondale reported as disabled in mid-Atlantic with engine trouble, is in latitude 44.29 and longitude 42.25 west, according to a wireless message from the ship today. The message stated that a heavy northwest gale was blowing and heavy seas running. The ship left New York, October 21, for Scotland.

After the coal miners raise the cost of living for the railroad workers by going on strike, then the railroad workers will proceed to raise the cost of living for the coal miners by going out. Meanwhile where does the public eat?

## LEWIS WATCHES DEVELOPMENTS.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 3.—Acting President John J. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America was on his way back to Indianapolis early today to watch developments in the strike of soft coal miners from his position as "onlooker" by reason of the federal injunction restraining him among others from directing the strike program.

# BRIDGEPORT IS WELL SUPPLIED WITH SOFT COAL

Local Firms Have Sufficient To Last Some Time

While the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company is reported to have confiscated forty tons of coal near Hartford this morning, Bridgeport as a whole seems to be pretty well supplied with coal. There should be no shortage of either gas or electricity as the result on the impending shortage as the United Illuminating company announced today that they had over six weeks' supply on hand.

The Bridgeport Gas Light company could not state just how much they had on hand in stating that their yards were well filled and the supply was sufficient to last through the strike.

The factories also seem to be well taken care of and the Manufacturers' Association cannot see any need for alarm in this city at this time.

# MUCH INTEREST CENTERS AROUND OHIO ELECTION

Only State Voting Upon Statewide Prohibition This Fall

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Spokesmen for both the wets and the dries today made claims to victory at tomorrow's election, at which Ohioans will vote upon repeal of statewide prohibition and other prohibition measures to be voted upon:

1.—Proposed constitutional amendment providing for the repeal of statewide prohibition and re-establishment of the license system.

2.—Proposed national amendment defining intoxicating liquor as that containing more than 2.75 per cent. alcohol, "by weight."

3.—Referendum on action of Ohio legislature in ratifying the federal prohibition amendment.

Much interest centers in the Ohio election tomorrow as this is the only state voting upon statewide prohibition this fall. To date Ohio is the biggest state having voted prohibition. The effort to repeal prohibition, adopted by the voters a year ago by a 25,000 majority, came after less than six months of the dry regime, as prohibition did not go into effect until May 27 this year.

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# EARLY ACTION IS EXPECTED ON SUGAR CONTROL

Washington, Nov. 3.—The bill proposing continuation of Federal control over sugar during 1920 was reported today to the Senate and placed on the calendar with view early action.

In a majority report, Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, author of the bill, and chairman of the Senate Agricultural Sub-committee which investigated the sugar shortage, declared, "a situation will ensue" if the sugar equalization board's control over sugar is discontinued.

# CLAIM MISSING BOY WAS TAKEN TO THIS CITY

New Haven, Nov. 3.—Police search was ordered today for Augustino D'Agostino, aged 8 who was seized by an unknown man while on his way to Roger Sherman School and taken in an automobile which was traced towards Bridgeport. The machine had been engaged in that city. The child's father is Dr. Francisco D'Agostino, who some time ago forfeited bonds of \$2,500 rather than stand trial on charge of abuse of a nursemaid in his employ. Since then the police have tried to locate the physician. Mrs. D'Agostino recently got a divorce with custody of the children.

# Workers Get More For Hurts

Shipyard Employees Come Under National Compensation Act.

AFFECTS LAKE CO. AND HOUSATONIC

Hundreds of workers who were employed by the shipyards and were granted compensation for injuries under the State Compensation Act are entitled to a much larger compensation than they have received as their claims for compensation come under the National Compensation law and not the State law.

The National Compensation Commission has recently ruled that employees of shipyards connected with the Emergency Fleet Corporation, either as agents or on the cost plus contract, are civil employees and therefore come under the Federal Compensation Act.

This ruling is of far reaching importance. In this event it would affect the settlement made in thousands of cases in this district.

The shipyards in this district which operated under the Emergency Fleet Corporation include the Housatonic shipyards at Lake, Torpedo Boat Company and the shipyard at Wilson's Point, Norwalk, while the factories which worked on the cost plus contracts in the manufacturing of munitions include most of the factories in the city and surrounding towns.

The ruling of the National Board went into effect Nov. 1 and an experienced compensation underwriter says that "The question naturally arises as to whether this ruling can help being retroactive in nature. In other words, if a riveter working in the shipyard, is a civil employee on Nov. 1, was he not a civil employee on the last day of October, or a year ago, or two years ago?"

The compensation benefits under the Federal Compensation Act are much higher than under the Compensation Act of this state.

It is believed that all the cases that have already been decided can be reopened and new settlements claimed.

The applications for compensation under the Federal Act must be made to the Federal Compensation Commission, composed of Mrs. Frances C. Atwell, chairman; John J. Keegan and R. M. Little, at Washington, D. C. Compensation Commissioner Buckingham says that any future claims for compensation coming from employees of the shipyards will undoubtedly be held up until the State Compensation Commission receives a ruling as to whether the claimants must proceed in Washington or through the State Commissioners.

# AUTOS ARE OUT OF FASHION AT ENGLISH CLUB

London, Nov. 3.—Visitors to London's newest club—many of them—alight from their airplanes, instead of drawing up in the usual motor cars. They spend an afternoon at golf or tennis and, next morning, fly away again.

The club, the London Flying Club, is England's nearest approach to the American country club. It is a palatial affair, housing eight steam heated bedrooms and a ballroom where 750 couples may dance without crowding. In addition guests may play golf, tennis, racquets, hockey—on real ice—croquet, water polo, or they may swim, shoot or fish.

Passenger airplanes are available for hire and a flying school is maintained near by. There is a hangar where guests may shelter their "planes" overnight, and a mechanic is at hand to keep them in "running order." The club is situated in beautiful grounds at Hendon, London's great flying center.

# CLAIM GOMERS SUGGESTED WAY TO END STRIKE

Washington, Nov. 3.—Labor officials declined today to discuss reports that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had suggested a way of settling the coal strike.

Mr. Gompers is in New York and in his absence officers of the Federation said there was no one here to speak for him. In some labor circles, however, there was a more hopeful view of the situation.

Reports were awaited by the government from its agents in the coal fields, who had been directed to telegraph immediately all facts bearing on the attitude of the striking miners and especially whether they showed a disposition to return to work.

The accident occurred early Sunday morning at the corner of Fairfield avenue and Ashburn street, and it is alleged that Champion drove on without stopping to inquire whether the policeman had been seriously injured. Some time later the officer was found lying in the street, by Peter Becker, a jitney man, of 44 Florence street. The jitney narrowly avoided striking the prostrate man.

Dabbs was removed to St. Vincent's hospital, and is now receiving treatment for a fractured right ankle and numerous cuts and abrasions about the head. His condition is not considered serious.

# THIEVES MAKE 2 HAULS HERE ON SUITS OF CLOTHES

Monday, Nov. 3, 1919.  
Sneak thieves got away with two successful clothing store robberies last night, according to reports which were made at police headquarters this morning. The People's Clothing Store, at 1290 Main street was entered sometime during the night, and one overcoat and a suit of clothes were taken. Robbers smashed a showcase in front of the National Clothing store, 95 East Main street early this morning, and made off with three caps. The police are investigating both burglaries.

# SIX, EIGHT AND TEN CENT FARES TIE UP TRAFFIC IN A KNOT

Jitneys Do a Land Office Business—Railroads Carry Heavy Loads From Suburban Towns—Manager Goodwin Satisfied With Results of First Day

Bridgeport went on to a six, eight, ten and twelve cent fare within the city limits, Sunday, and a method of collecting fares that tied up traffic in an exasperating way, to the ruin of trolleys, collective and individual.

At the chief transfer points yesterday, lines of cars blocked the way, and behind the lines of trolley cars automobiles extended, sometimes for several blocks.

The conductors took care of their passengers as well as they could. But to collect fares from a long line of irate individuals, making change and punching transfers, was no easy task, especially when lots of people, out of vexation with the zone system, and purpose to kill it, were slowing up the work as much as they could.

Persons took transfers who had no intention of using them. Others had money changed, when they had the exact change to give. Others asked questions to which they knew the answers.

Certainly the zone system will have to fight its way if it prevails. This morning the New Haven trains, between Bridgeport and the suburbs were crowded, and cars were pretty nearly empty.

The actual money cost of the zone system, in the delay it creates for all other traffic is hard to figure. But the total must be large.

It is plain already that the Connecticut company can only plunge itself deeper into the slough of bankruptcy, through the zone system. The sooner it abandons the plan the better.

Loud and deep were the denunciations made against the city government by those who know that for seven months the Five Cent Fare Report has been buried with the Miscellaneous Committee of the Common Council, which seldom meets and never does anything.

"The zone system is being received by the public far better than we expected," said Joseph E. Goodwin, manager of the Bridgeport branch of the Connecticut Co. this morning. This statement was made at the company offices despite the fact that it is admitted there are more or less serious delays in the traffic schedule, the worst of which seems to be on the suburban lines.

Mr. Goodwin denied that there was anything like confusion resulting from the installation of the new system. No report on traffic yesterday was received this morning but indications were that it took a slight slump. Mr. Goodwin attributes this to the cold weather and not to the zone system.

The company admitted this morning that the men were making mistakes in computing fares under the system. They expect this will be eradicated within a few days.

The fact that the lines are delayed by the system cannot be denied, however. The writer had occasion to use the trolleys yesterday. It took over twenty minutes to travel from Park avenue to Brewster street and then the conductor made a mistake announcing the fare. It is also a fact that serious delays are being reported on the Beardsley park system. One man stated this morning that it took him an hour and ten minutes to get from East Main street to Beardsley park, and nearly as long to get back again.

Traffic policemen in the city report that travel on the jitney lines is much heavier than usual.

# THREE HELD FOR STABBING AFFRAY HERE YESTERDAY

One In Hospital Badly Wounded—Court Continues Cases

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As the result of a three-cornered stabbing affray in a Hallett street boarding house early yesterday morning, Joseph Jirielli, of 133 Hallett street, Elbino Caravito, of 66 Church street, and Angelo Maniero, of 123 Hallett street, are being held under \$1,000 bonds on charges of assault today, and Maniero is in St. Vincent's hospital suffering from three fractured ribs and a number of stab wounds which he received during the course of the argument.

The police were notified at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, that a big fight was in progress at a Hallett street house, and upon investigation they found Jirielli, Caravito and Maniero engaged in a knife engagement. All three men were arrested, charged with assault, and Maniero who was badly cut up was sent to St. Vincent's hospital for treatment. Jirielli is believed to be the man who slashed Maniero.

In the City court this morning, the cases were continued until November 8, at which time it is believed Maniero will be sufficiently recovered to appear. Bonds were fixed at \$1,000 for each man.

# CHAMPION HIT PATROLMAN AND THEN LEFT HIM

Burton F. Champion, of 427 Golden Hill street, alleged driver of a car which struck and seriously injured Patrolman Robert Dabbs, of 198 Willow street, last night, was arraigned in the City court this morning, charged with violating the State traffic law. The case was continued for one month, and Dabbs was released on his own recognizance.

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# CREDITORS OF CONGRESS LUNCH GET 21 PER CENT.

A dividend of 21 per cent. was paid to creditors of the Congress Lunch of this city and as the affairs of the concern have been wound up the superior court has ordered the discharge of the receiver, Judge Frank L. Wilder. It was found that the concern had a large stock of groceries on hand and that the crockery and other fixtures were worth a considerable sum. The total valuation of the assets was \$8,529.98. The amount of claims against the concern exceeded that sum, however. The receivership petition was filed by Emanuel Taub, one of the partners.

The aviators talk much about "tail spins." Many of the after dinner orators need one back into their chairs.